**HERITAGE SURVEY**
**ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET**

**ITEM NAME:** Cut Hill Stone Wall and Monument

**DESCRIPTION:** A masterly construction of a parapet wall extending the perimeter of the Cut Hill section of road. Constructed of coursed, rough-faced, stone walling, with a breadth-ways uppermost course.

**HISTORY:** Constructed in 1868 as part of the reworking of the transport route to Victor Harbor. The wall's construction is attributed to Jabez Grimble under contract to the Central Roads Board. However, local historians claim that Grimble did not in fact finish the contract; the work being completed by another.

**HERITAGE SIGNIFICANCE:** A superb example of a parapet wall, with fine masonry techniques in evidence. Significant as a major statement of the impact of the Central Road Board's reconstruction of South Australian transport networks in the mid 19th century. A significant State landmark also, for generations of South Australian travellers.

**REFERENCES**
D.A. Cumming, E.B.C. Report, National Trust of S.A.

Verbal H. Zilm
Archival photographs

**LOCATION**
Main Rd. Adelaide -Victor Harbor (10kms V.H.)
Postcode 5211
Section 148
Hundred Goolwa
County Hindmarsh
L.G.A. Victor Harbor
S.H.P. Region 4
A.M.G. Ref. 6627-III
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**SUBJECT**
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**PERIOD**
State
Study Area
1862-1880

**TYPE OF ITEM**
LAND Natural feature [ ]
[ ] Historical site
[ ] Historical Gdn.

BUILDING

STRUCTURE [X]

PHYSICAL CONDITION

**PHOTOGRAPH**
Film No. 1226 Negative No. 5

**STATUS**
Reg. of State Her. Items
Reg. Interim L [ ]
Nominated
National Estate
Reg. Proposed L [ ]
National Trust
CL [ ] RL [X] File [ ]
Other [ ]

**LAND TITLE**
C.T. 3033/14

**RECOMMENDATION**
(A) State [X] (B) Local [ ]

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1986
Cut Hill Stone Wall and Monument

Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor

ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Description:

The stone wall extends for several score metres beside the road at a steep section of Cut Hill. It is built from stones quarried adjacent to the wall. It is topped by a course of stones set at right angles to those forming the wall. It stands a little more than a metre high at road level, but rises several metres above the natural level of the hillside.

Statement of Heritage Value:

The walling is of historical significance for the manner in which it is identified with early road transport in the region and the way it reflects earlier methods of road construction. The high quality of the work highlights the importance of this road.

Relevant Criteria (Under Section 16 of the Heritage Act 1993):

(a) the walling demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State’s history;

(e) the walling demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Cut Hill Stone Wall and Monument were entered in the State Heritage Register on 27 September 1990. They should remain on the State Heritage Register.
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ASSESSMENT OF HERITAGE VALUE:

Criteria

(a) *the walling demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State’s history;*

During the first half century of settlement in South Australia the construction of dry stone walls was common. Usually built by some of the highest paid tradesmen of the area, walls were built without mortar or cement.

(e) *the walling demonstrates a high degree of creative, aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics;*

The wall was built as a parapet wall in 1868 by Jabez Grimble under contract to the Central Roads Board.

BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

With the increase in the population of the Victor Harbor district following the growth in activities at Port Victor, the Road Board began to address the problem of roads. As a consequence, money was expended on the Yankalilla Road and then the road to Willunga. The stone wall at Cut Hill was built in 1868 by Jabez Grimble, who, according to Michael Page, undertook many road contracts for the District Council.

There is a plaque fixed to the memorial cairn near the walling. It notes:

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THIS WALL WAS BUILT IN 1868 BY JABEZ GRIMBLE
UNDER CONTRACT TO THE CENTRAL ROADS BOARD.
THE ROAD WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1961 BY
THE HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPT.
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THIS PLAQUE WAS SET IN PLACE BY
THE HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEPT,
The District Council of Encounter Bay
And the Royal Geographical Society
Of Australasia (S.A. Branch) Inc.
December 1964
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The road was reconstructed in 1961.
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**REFERENCES:**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources. State Heritage Branch, Adelaide, file no. 6627–14093.


National Trust of South Australia file no. 2510.

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### SITE RECORD:

**Location:** Adelaide Road, Victor Harbor  
**Description:** Dry stone walling  
**Land Description:** CT 4108/52, CT 4108/53: Section 148, Hundred of Goolwa  
**Local Government Area:** Victor Harbor  
**Owner:** Department of Transport  
**Current Use:** Wall and Monument  
**Original Use(s):** Wall and Monument  
**Heritage Status:** State Heritage Branch: 6627–14093  
**Other Assessments:** National Trust Recorded List: 2510  
cent Heritage Survey of Fleurieu Peninsula: 12

**Photograph Nos.:** B. Rowney  
7/26, 27, 28  
**Report by:** P. Sumerling/J. Donovan
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